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Identical letters dated 2 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 2 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Report on the activities carried out on Thursday, 2 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

A team of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the lead foundry of the State Battery Manufacturing Establishment, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals, at 9.25 a.m. The Company is located in the Khan Dari area, 30 kilometres west of Baghdad. Upon arriving, the team held a meeting with the manager of the foundry and asked him questions about the number of furnaces present, their nature, the number of employees and their specializations, possible future expansion and any changes that had taken place in the previous four years. The team then made a tour of inspection that included all the foundry's departments, buildings and storage areas and ascertained its current activities. It then performed a radiation survey, using portable equipment, with a view to detecting any radioactivity and took video photographs of the units in operation in the foundry.

A group of team members then proceeded to the warehouses of the Ibn Yunus Centre, which belongs to the Sa'd State Company, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation located in the same area. The group inquired about the ownership of the warehouses, the items that had entered them during the previous four years, and whether previous inspection groups had inspected the warehouses. The group then inspected the warehouses, examined and photographed the items stored in them, photographed some of the labels placed on the equipment, checked the existing seals and performed a radiation survey by means of portable equipment in order to detect any radioactivity. The team completed its mission to the two sites at 11.30 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 12.40 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

A team of 22 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Fath State Enterprise, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation, at 9.10 a.m. The site, which is located in Amiriyah area of Baghdad, had previously been inspected by an inspection team on 14 December 2002. The team held a meeting with the general manager of the Enterprise and a number of its officials, during which it asked for information on the Fath missile, which has a range of less than 150 kilometres. It then inspected all the site facilities and buildings, addressing questions to the competent persons in the buildings inspected, with a view to ascertaining the activities carried on in them. The team completed its mission at 2.00 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 2.30 p.m.

III. UNMOVIC joint inspection team (chemical, missiles, biological)

A team of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Ibn Firnas State Company, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation, at 8.55 a.m. The Company, which is located 15 kilometres north of Baghdad, had been visited previously by inspection teams on 1 and 19 December 2002. Upon arriving, the team met with the Company's general manager and asked him for particulars on the Company's activity and divisions. The team then inspected the drone building, the electronic laboratory building and the equipment located in them and completed its mission at 11.50 a.m.

The team then proceeded to another site. At 12.30 p.m. it reached the Fath State Enterprise, located in Amiriyah area of Baghdad, arriving while the missile inspection team was present at the site. The head of the team entered the site in order to verify that the present site of the Fath Enterprise had belonged to the Ibn Firnas State Company. The team completed its mission at 12.50 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.25 p.m.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

A team of 15 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at 9.40 a.m. at the air force technical depots located in the Taji area, 35 kilometres north of Baghdad. The team inquired about the site, its activity and the equipment it had received over the previous four years. It then inspected a number of workshops and storage areas, took measurements of damaged fuel storage tanks and placed paper and metal tags on the door of the shed housing those tanks. The team completed its mission at 3.15 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 3.55 p.m.

V. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

A team of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at the Hadar State Company at 10.50 a.m. The Company, which belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation, is located in the Sharqat area, 270 kilometres north of Baghdad. The Company specializes in the production of concentrated and dilute nitric acid and of aluminium nitrate and was mentioned in the report of British Prime Minister Tony Blair as engaging in uranium purification. Upon arriving, the team held a meeting with Company officials and asked them about the Company's business and activities and the principal items produced by it. The team then inspected all the Company's facilities. The team completed its mission at 2.45 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 6.00 p.m.

VI. Remarks

Today the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams inspected six sites within and outside Baghdad, with 57 inspectors participating in the operations. The teams performed radiation surveys, using portable equipment, with a view to detecting any radioactivity. They took samples and asked site officials questions about site activities, to all of which answers were provided.